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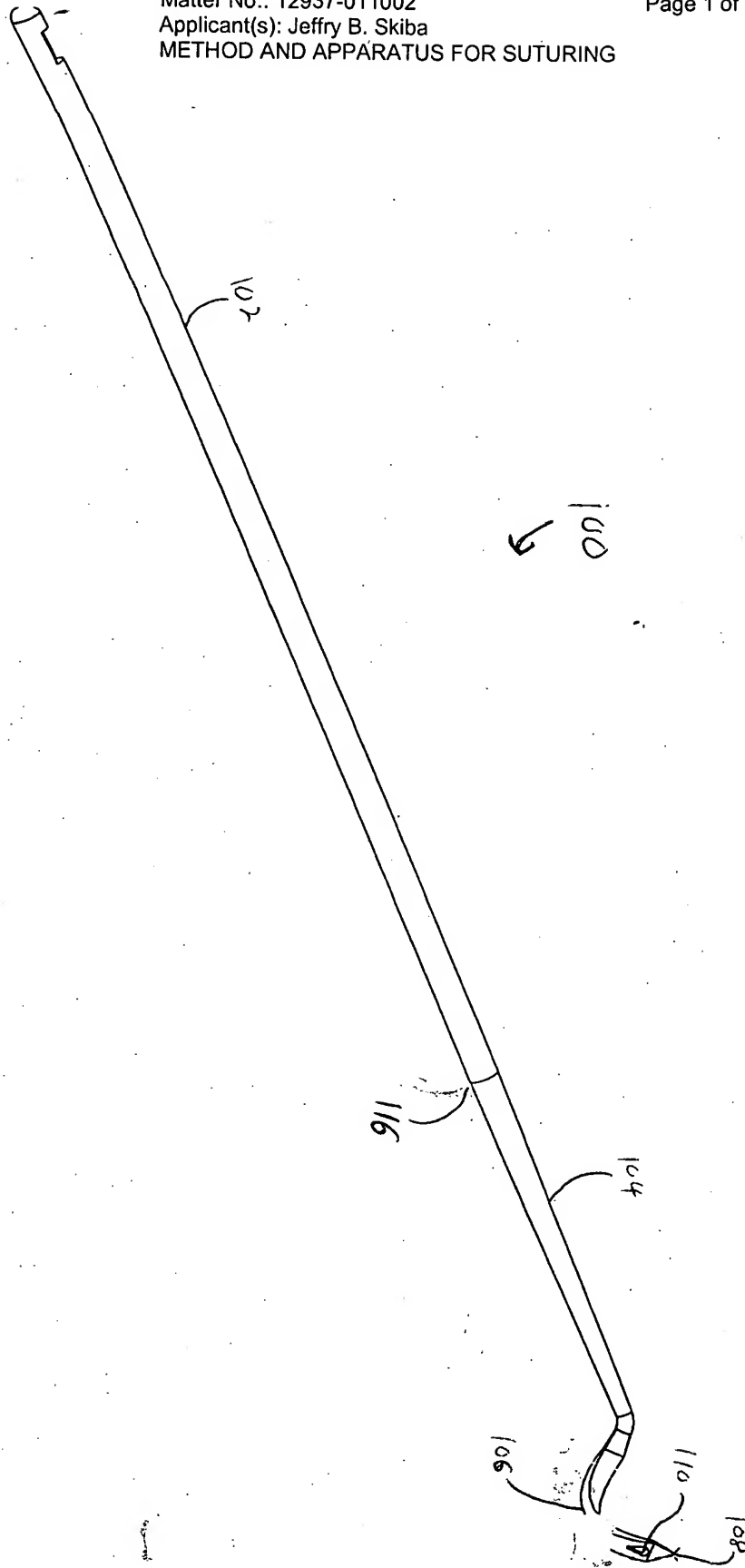
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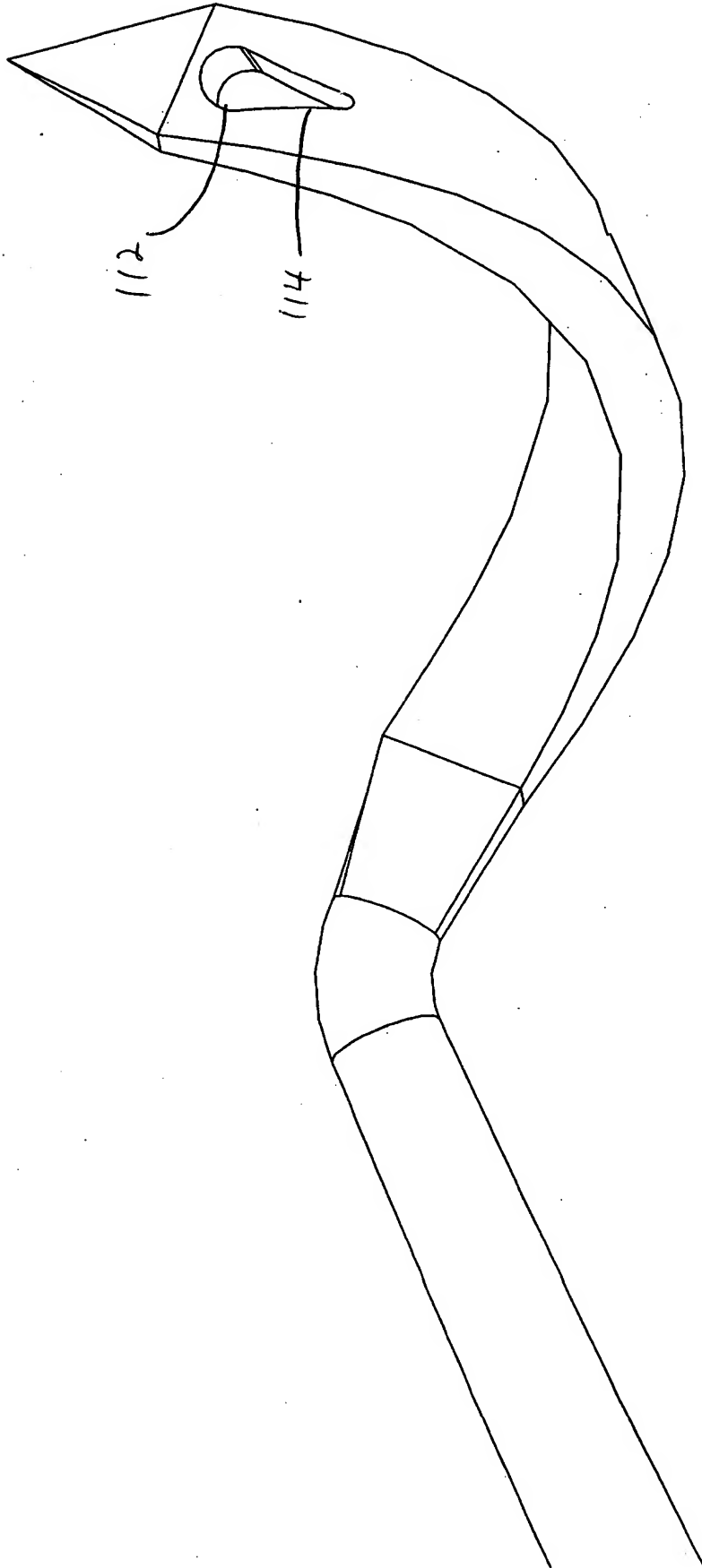


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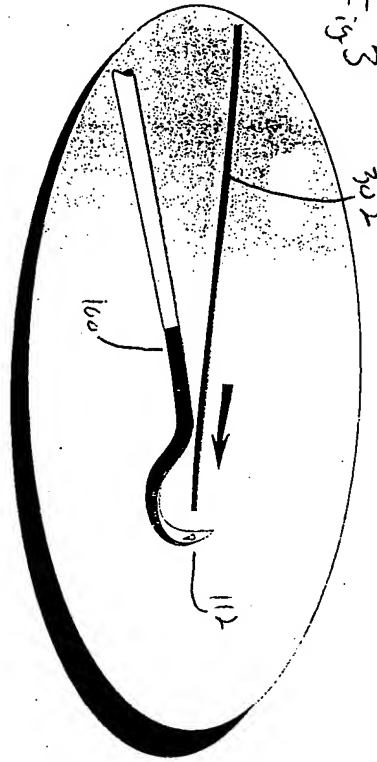


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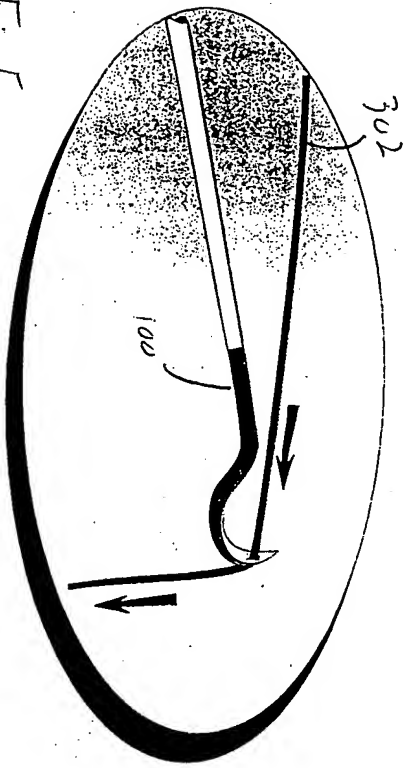


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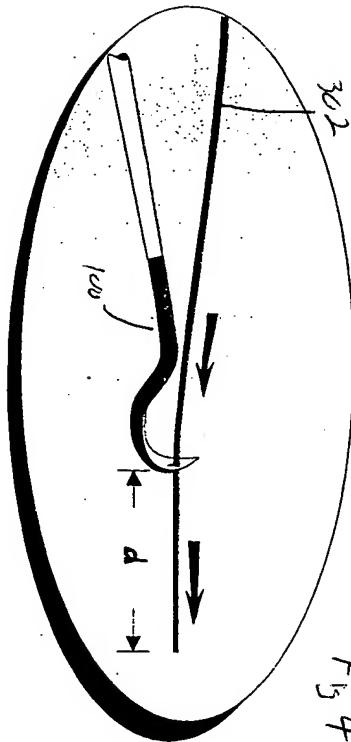


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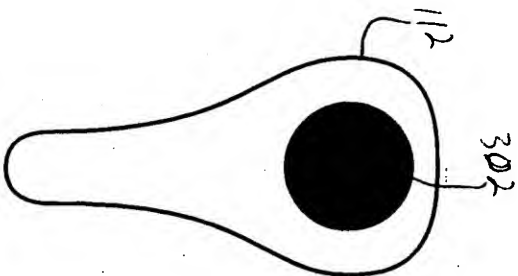


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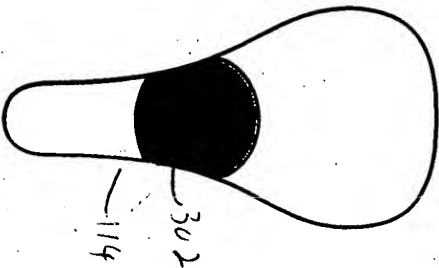


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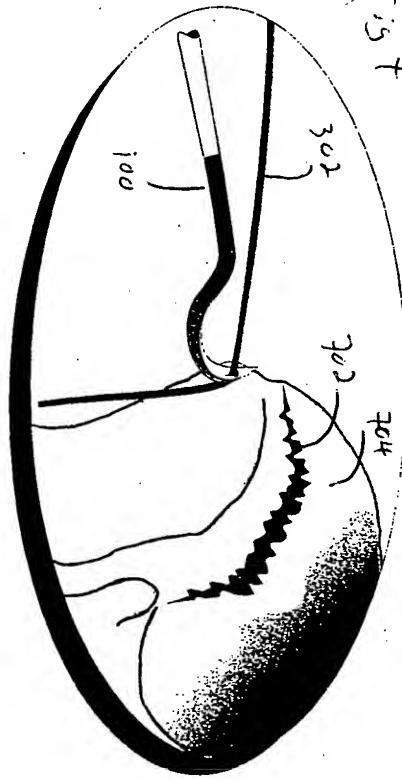


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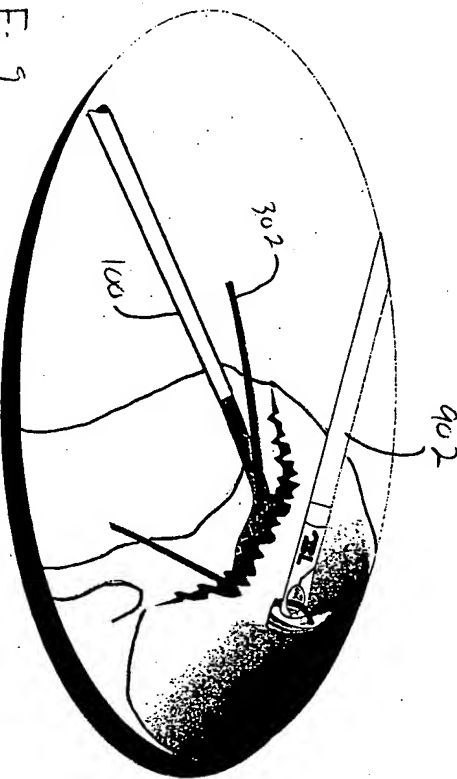


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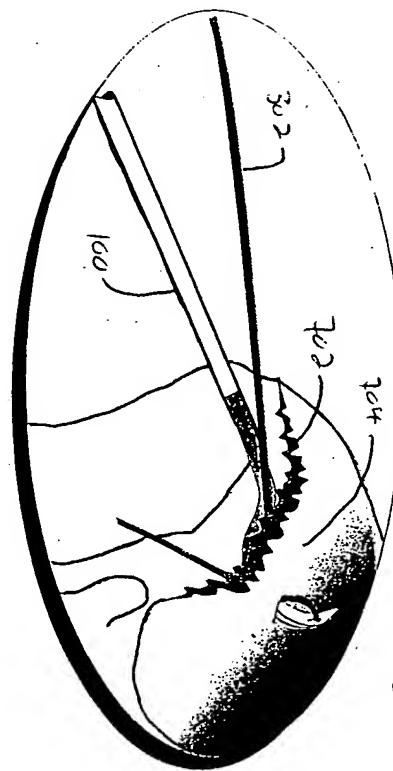
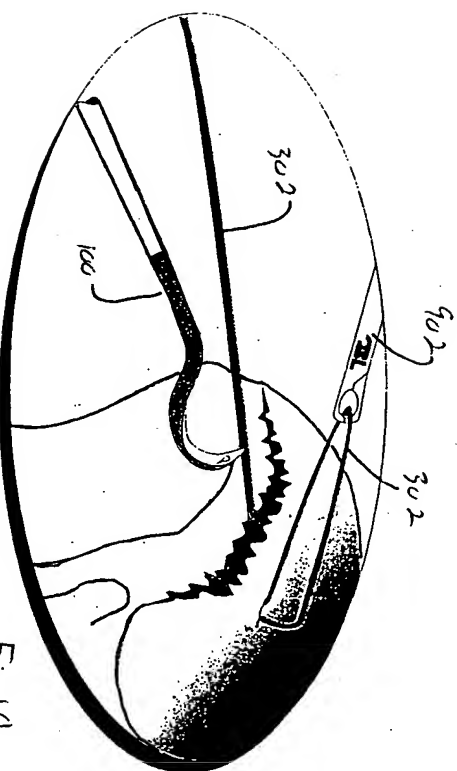


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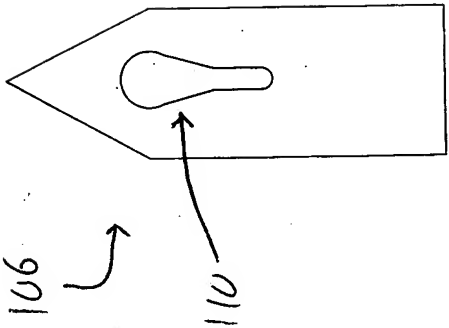


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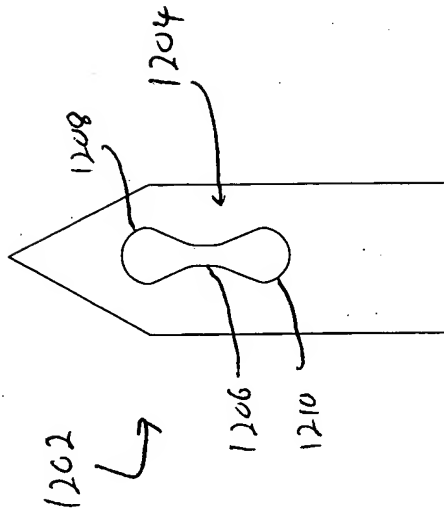
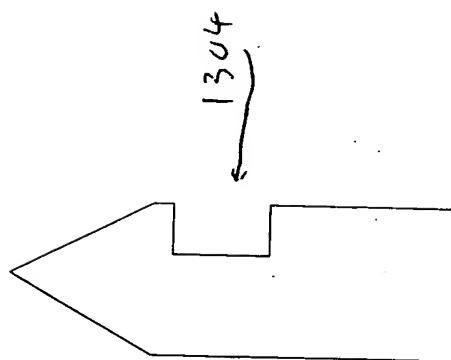


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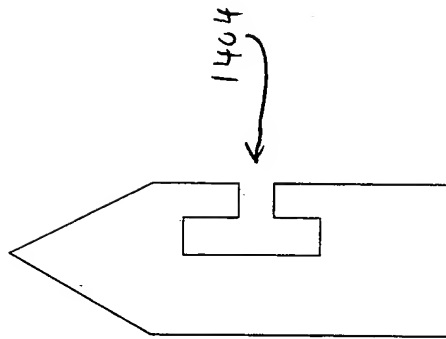


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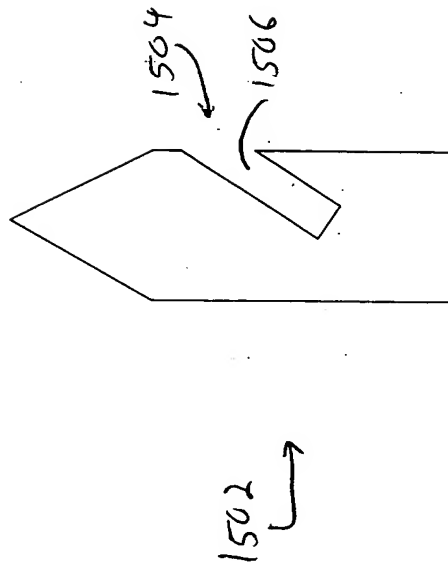


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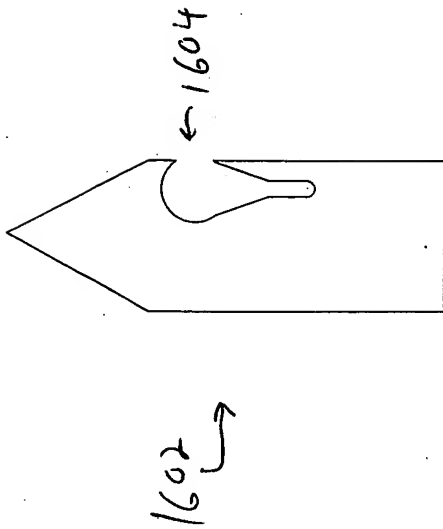


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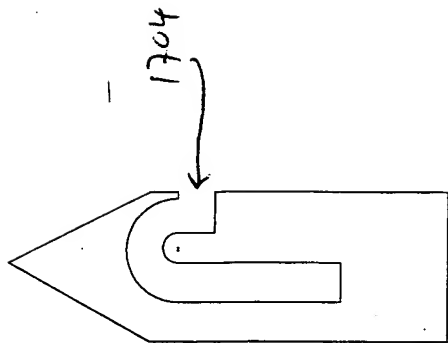
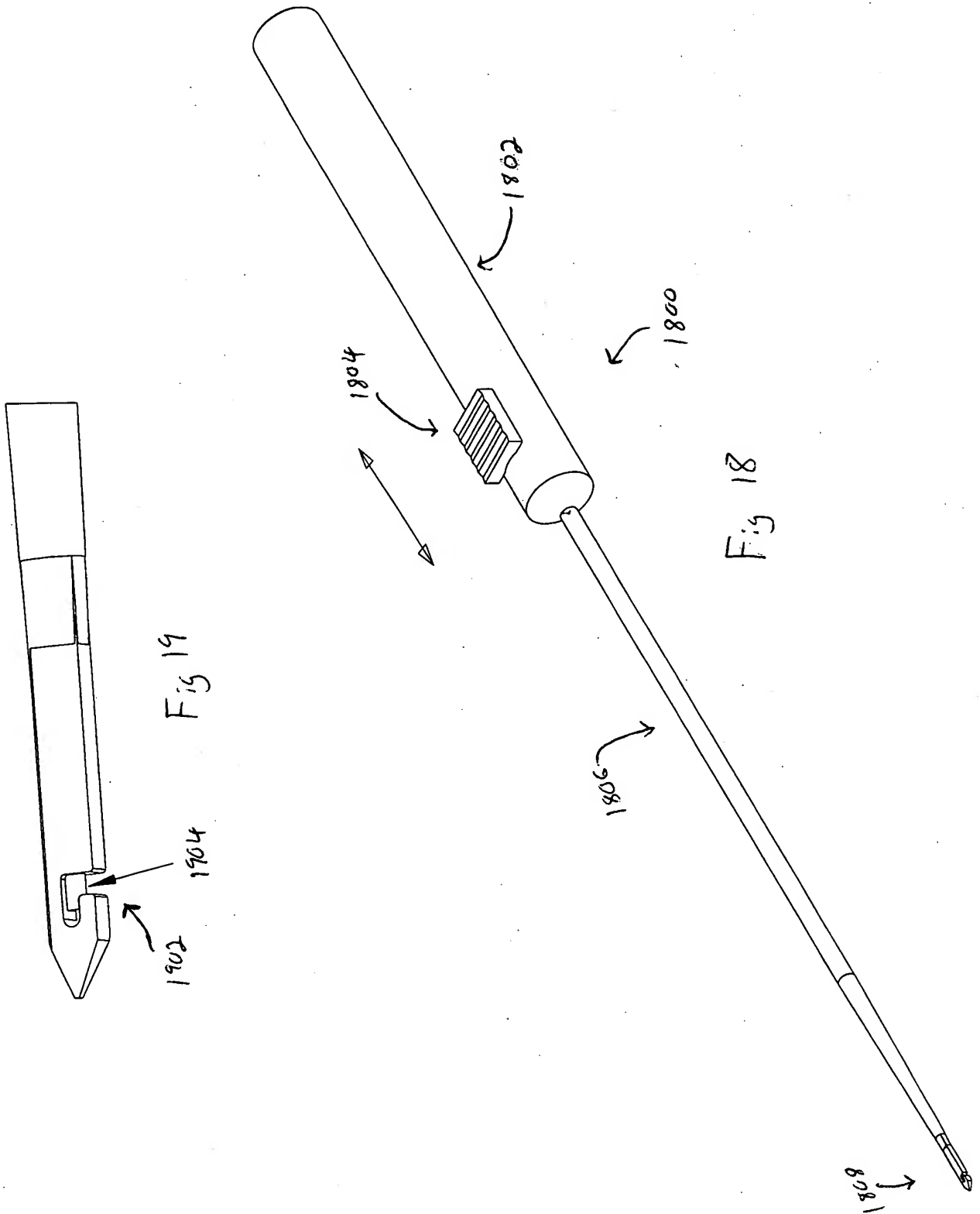


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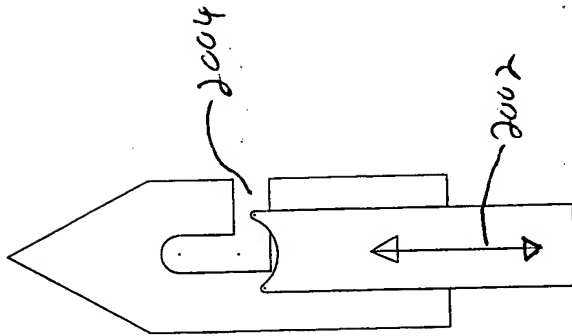


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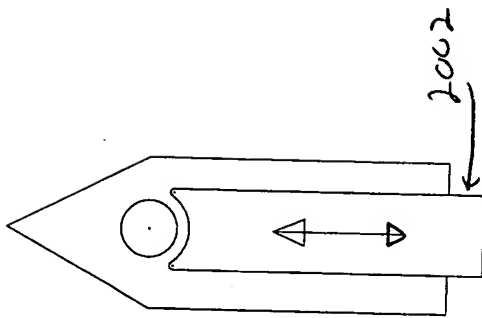


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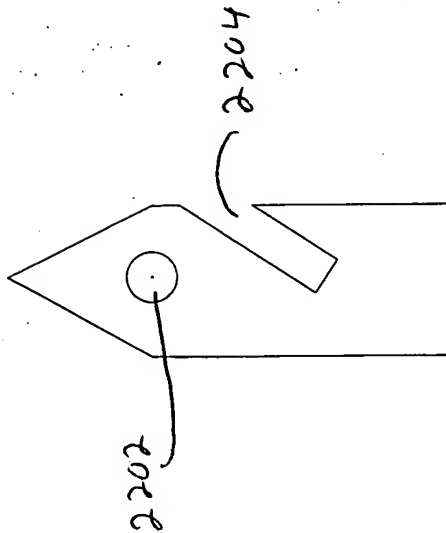
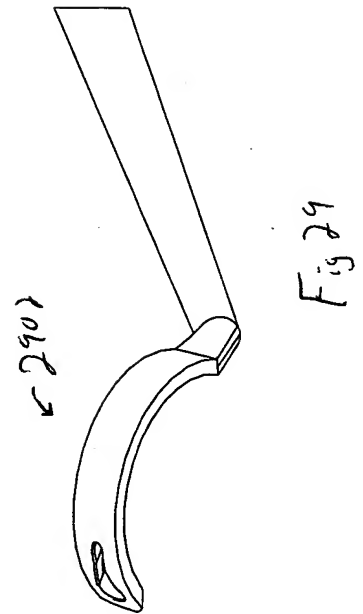
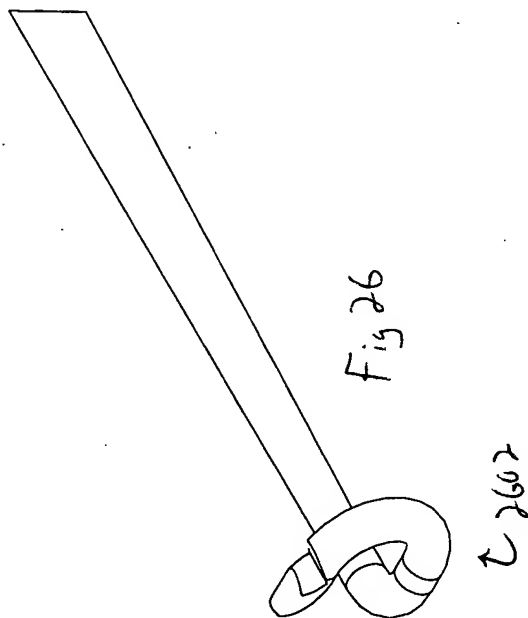
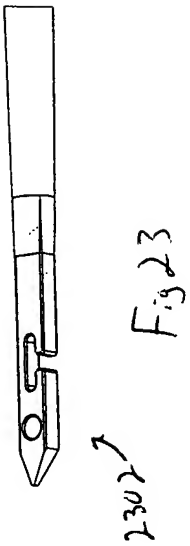
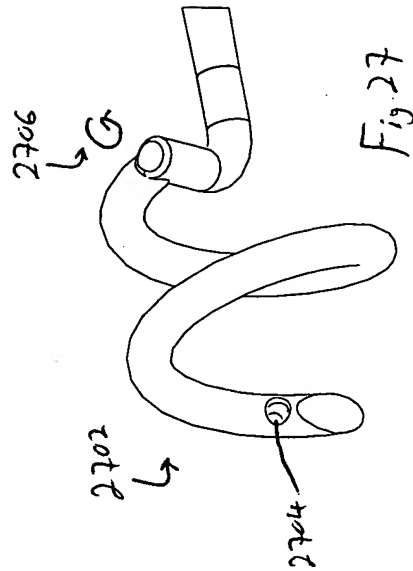
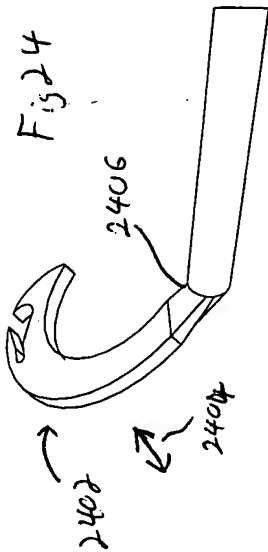
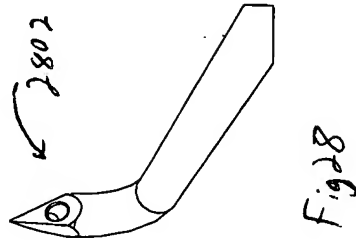
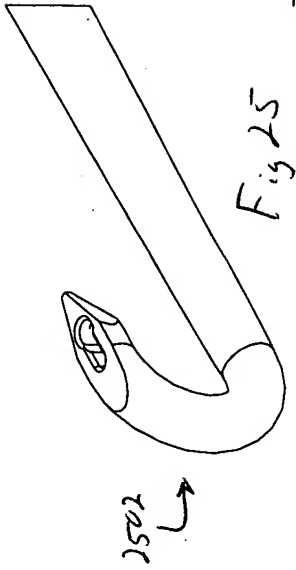


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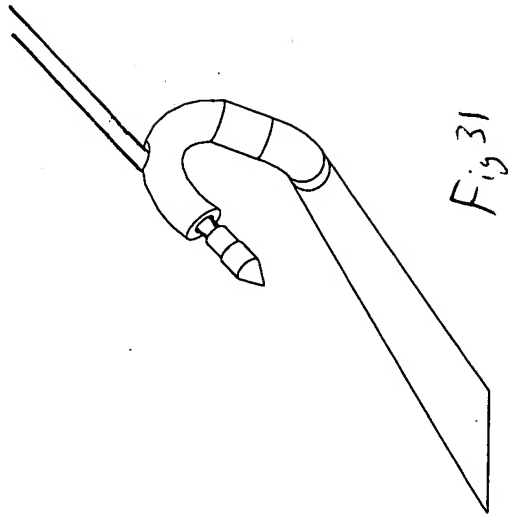


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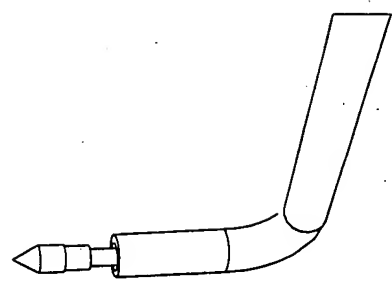


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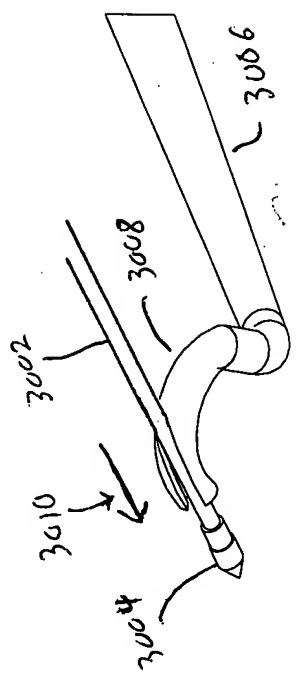


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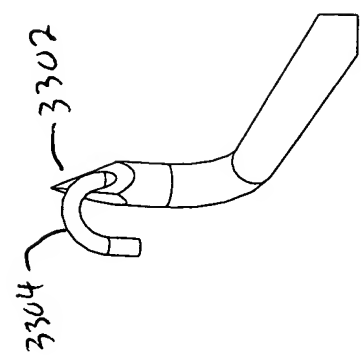
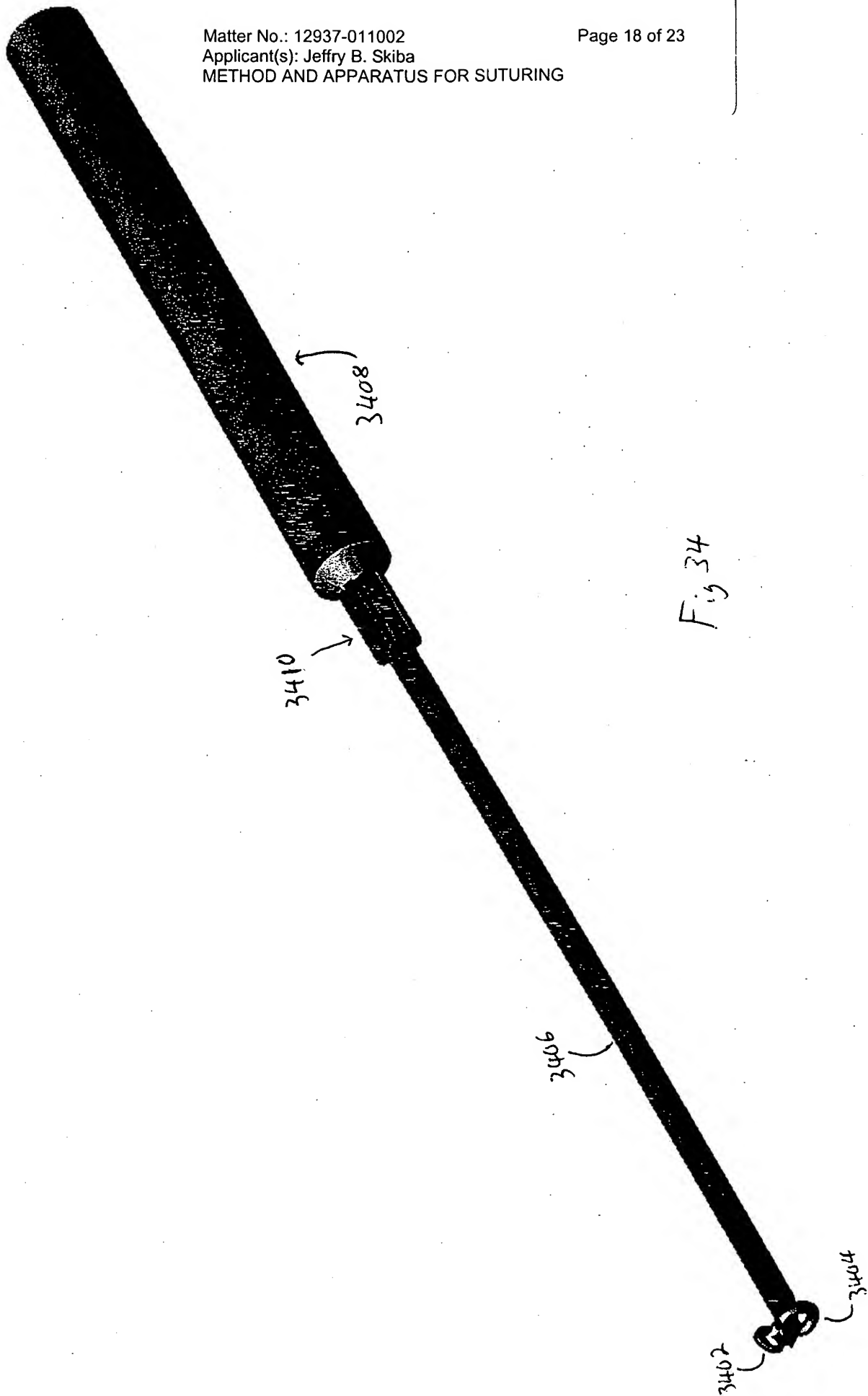


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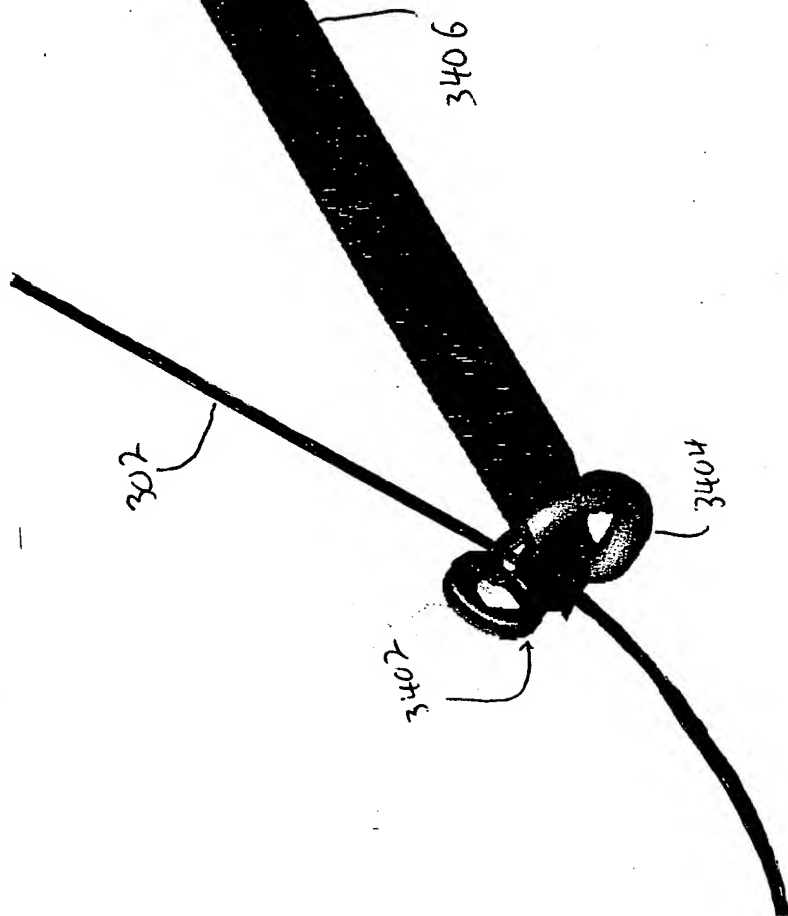


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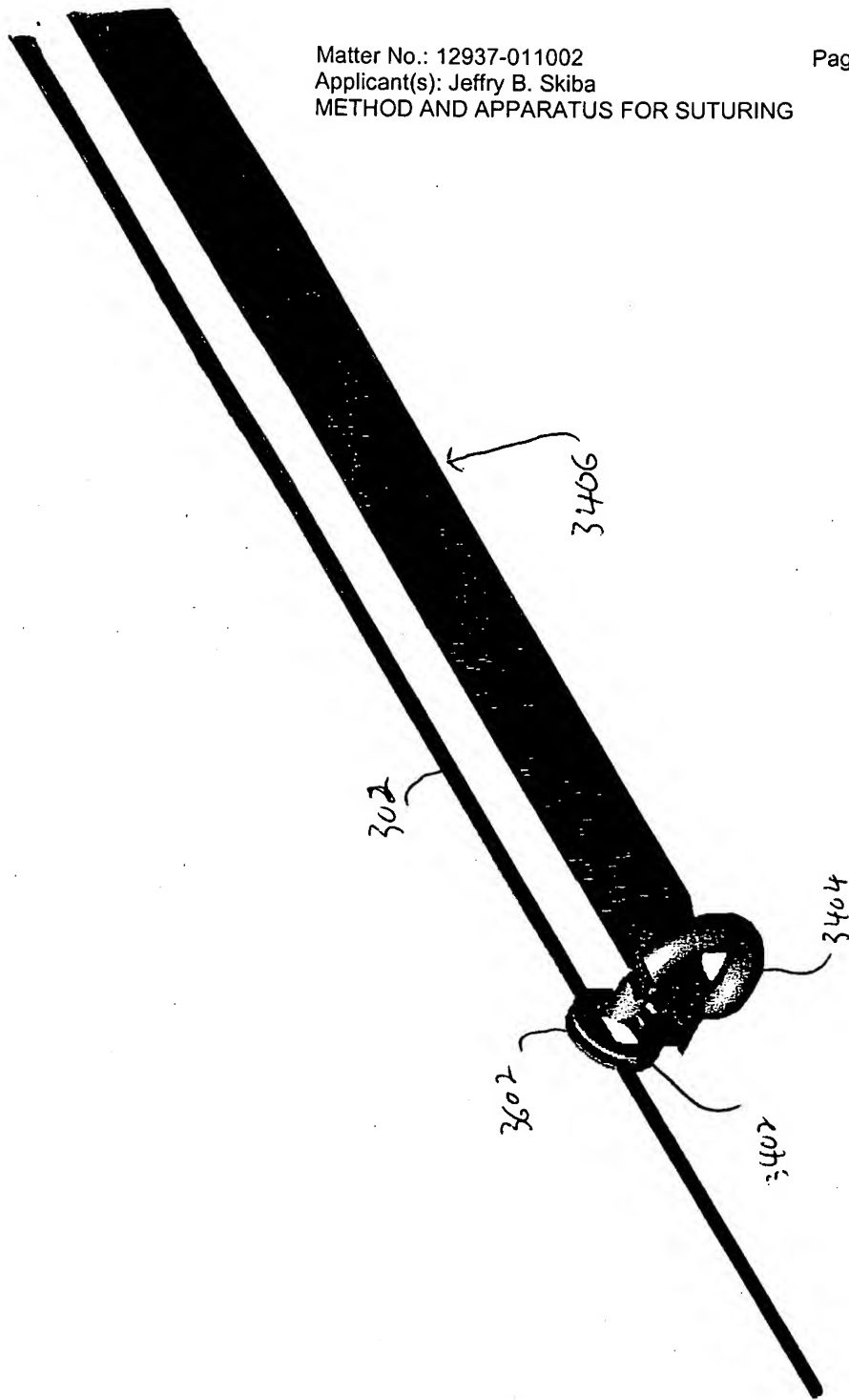
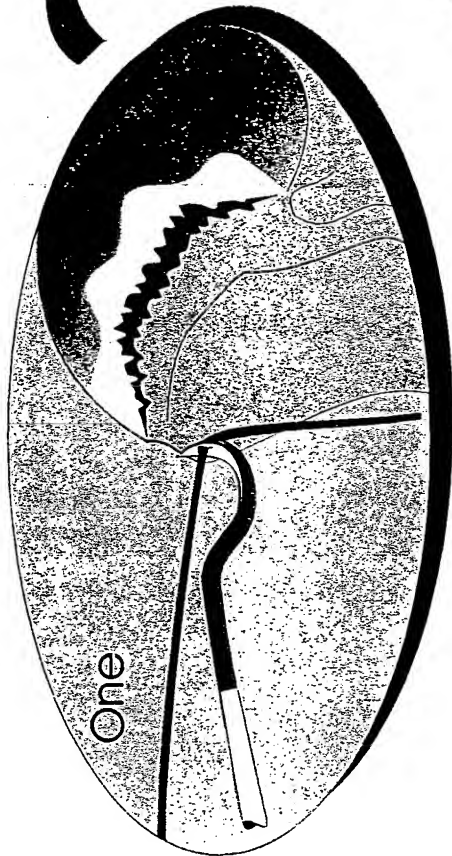


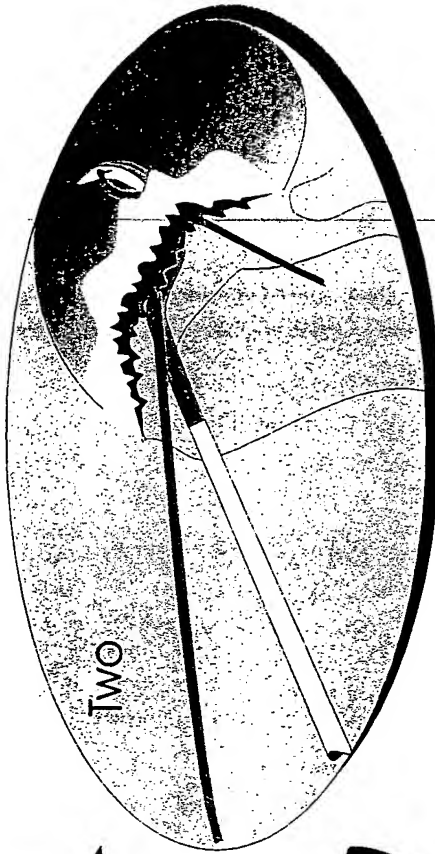
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OBL Cuff Stitch™

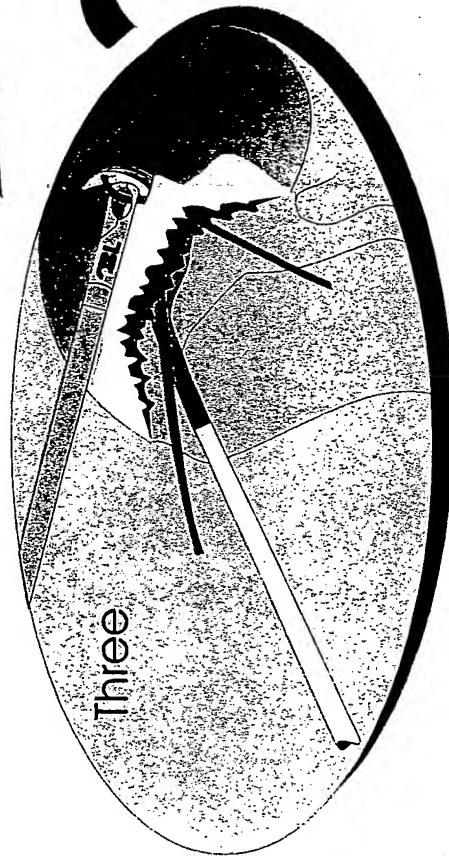
Suture Passage and Pickup



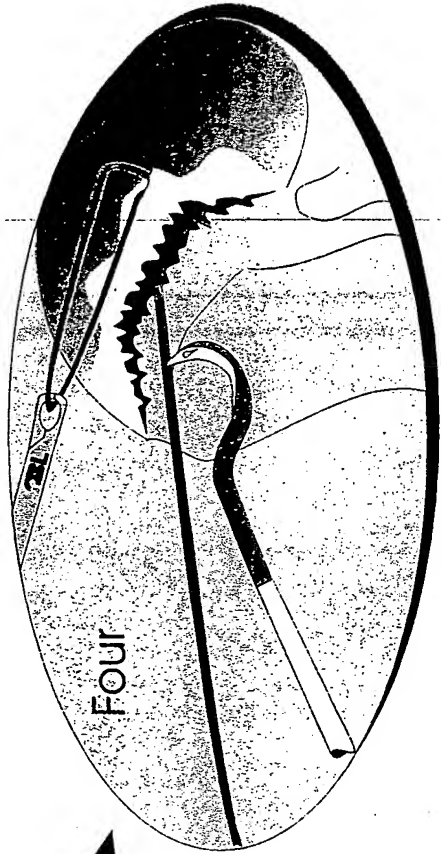
Pass the loaded Cuff Stitch through the same cannula that your lead suture is exiting.



Rotate and push the Cuff Stitch shuttle through the tissue until the suture "Bowstrings" across the concave needle curve.



Using the Suture Manipulating Grasper or the Combination Suture / Tissue Graspers, grasp the "Bowstringed" section of suture on the concaved side of the needle.



Simultaneously pull the suture within the grasper out the cannula and remove the Cuff Stitch shuttle from the tissue.

EXHIBIT A

Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate B)



Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate A)

